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SUBJECT: SAMPLING OF SENEGALESE VIEWS ON GUINEUXN WESTERN SAHARA,  
HORN, RHODESIA AND CANARIES

REF: PARIS 4802 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: ROUND OF CALLS ON KEY WORKING-LEVEL SENEGALESE  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIALS DURING DAKAR VISIT BY PARIS POLOFF  
NICHOLAS MURPHY ELICITED CONFIRMATION OF SENEGALESE  
PARTICIPATION IN MARCH MONROVIA SUMMIT WITH SEKOU TOURE,  
ADMISSION THAT SENEGALESE NATIONALS WERE PROBABLY NOT  
KIDNAPPED BY POLIEARIO AFTER ALL, SUPPORT FOR U.S. POLICY  
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IN HORN, UNEQUIVOCAL RECOGNITION OF CANARIES AND REUNION AS  
INTEGRAL PARTS OF SPAIN AND FRANCE RESPECTIVELY, AND VIEW  
THAT INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA WAS UNWORKABLE AT  
BEST AND "SHAM" AT WORST. ISLAMIC CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED  
TO BEGIN IN DAKAR APRIL 17, WITH MINISTERIAL SESSION  
CONVENING FOLLOWING WEEK. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING SENEGAL VISITS ON MARCH 3 AND 6-8, EMBASSY PARIS POL OFF NICHOLAS MURPHY AND ACCOMPANYING EMBOFF MET WITH DIPLOMATIC ADVISERS TO BOTH PRESIDENT SENGHOR AND PRIME MINISTER DIOUF, FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS CHEIKH CISSE, AND PRESIDENT IBRA MAMADOU WANE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS:

3. GUINEA: WANE AND PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER PIERRE DIOUF CONFIRMED SENGHOR'S PARTICIPATION IN MONROVIA SUMMIT ("AS EARLY AS NEXT WEEK") WITH SEKOU TOURE (THOUGH THEY WERE SECRETIVE ON SPECIFICS, AND FOREIGN MINISTRY POLITICAL DIRECTOR WAS UNINFORMED ON SUMMIT). SENEGALESE TOOK GUARDED VIEW OF GUINEAN OVERTURES, NOTING THAT SEKOU TOURE HAS MADE SIMILAR REVERSALS IN THE PAST, AND ATTRIBUTING PRESENT GESTURES TO GUINEA'S ECONOMIC FAILURE, MARKET WOMEN'S REVOLT, AND DISILLUSION WITH EASTERN BLOC TIES. T YSMADE POINT THAT GUINEAN DELEGATIONS OF YOUTH AND ATHLETES TO SENEGAL HAD BEEN SENT ON UNOFFICIAL LEVEL, AND SENEGAL HAD YET TO RECEIVE ANY OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION FROM GUINEA ASIDE FROM MESSAGE CONVEYED INDIRECTLY BY LIBERIAL FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR (DAKAR 1327). HOWEVER, ABSENCE OF CUSTOMARY DENUNCIATIONS OF SENEGAL BY RADIO CONAKRY IN RECENT MONTHS WAS REGARDED BY SENEGAL AS POSITIVE SIGN. WHILE SENEGAL WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO HAVE SOME DIRECT

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GUARANTEES FROM GUINEA OF DECISIVE CHANGE IN POLICY, SENEGALESE HAD AGREED TO TAKE "FIRST STEP" BY GOING TO MONROVIA. LOOKING FARTHER AHEAD, DIOUF EXPRESSEE VIEW THAT RECIPROCAL ESTABLISHMENT OF EMBASSIES WOULD BEO NECESSARY FOR REAL PROGLESS IN IMPROVING RELATIONS, AND ALSO NOTED THAT SENEGAL RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (OMVS) REMAINED ENTIRELY OPEN TO GUINEAN PARTICIPATION.

4. WESTERN SAHARA: SENEGALESE VOICED DEEP COCCERN OVER CONTINUING POLISARIO ACTIONS IN MAURITANIA, EXPRESSING VIEW THAT POLISARIO, WITH ALGERIAN SUPPORT, SEEKS OVERTHROW OF OULD DADDAH GOVERNMENT. DIOUF NOTED THAT POLISARIO WAS RECRUITING FROM AMONG DESERT PEOPLES AS FAR AFIELD AS NIGER AND CHAD. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL CISSE STRESSED THAT PRESIDENT SENGHOR HAD SENT MESSAGE TO BONGO STATING HIS FIRM COMMITMENT TO TAKE PART IN ABORTED LIBREVILLE EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT; CISSE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT ESTIMATED COST OF PROSPECTIVE SUMMIT WAS RED HERRING USED TO JUSTIFY CANCELLATION; IF THERE WERE POLITICAL WILL TO HOLD SUMMIT, COST WOULD HAVE BEEN NO OBJECT. SENEGALESE TOOK EVIDENT SATISFACTION IN RECENT VISIT BY ALGERIAN DEPUTY ABDEL KADER ZAIBEK WITH

MESSAGE FOR SENGHOR ENCOURAGING HIS ATTENDANCE AT  
EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT (DAKAR 1581). DIOUF NOTED THAT,  
FOLLOWING ALGERIA'S REJECTION OF SENEGALESE MEDIATION  
EFFORT LAST FALL THERE HAD BEEN VIRTUALLY NO CONTACT  
BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. FACT THAT ALGERIA HAD TAKEN  
INITIATIVE IN RE-ESTABLISHING CONTACTS IN SUCH POSITIVE  
FASHION WAS SEEN BY SENEGALESE AS ENCOURAGING SIGN.

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DIOUF SAID THERE WAS NO CURRENT SENEGALESE MEDIATION  
EFFORT, BUT SENEGAL REMAINS COMMITTED TO APPLICATION  
OF BOTH UN RESOLUTIONS AND CONTINUES TO FAVOR REFERENDA  
IN TWO PARTS OF EX-WESTERN SAHARA UNDER OAU, UN AND  
POSSIBLY ARAB LEAGUE AUS  
UCES WITH OPTIONS OF INDEPENDENCE  
OR MAINTENANCE OF PRESENT DIVISION BETWEEN MAURITANIA  
AND MOROCCO. Cisse ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SENEGAL HAD  
BEEN UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THREE OF FOUR SENEGALESE  
JHGARGOTIERES" WHO PRESIDENT SENGHOR CLAIMED HAD BEEN  
CARRIED OFF BY POLISARIO (77 DAKAR 7832 AND 7605); BEST

GUESS NOW IS THAT, WHILE THEY WERE ETHNICALLY AKIN TO  
SENEGALESE, ANY KIDNAP VICTIMS WERE MAURITANIAN NATIONALS.  
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5. HORN: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPUTY WANE MADE SPECIAL  
POINT OF EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR U.S. POSITION IN  
ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA DISPUTE. WE GAINED IMPRESSION THAT  
SENEGALESE SEE PROBLEM MUCH AS DOES U.S., IN OPPOSING  
SOMALIA'S VIOLATION OF ETHIOPIA'S TERRITORIAL  
INTEGRITY BUT FEELING CONCERN OVER GROWING SOVIET-CUBAN  
PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA. DIOUF ACKNOWLEDGED ETHIOPIAN  
RIGHT TO CALL ON OUTSIDE HELP TO DEFEND ITS BORDERS, BUT  
SAID, "WHAT CONCERNS US IS WHAT THE CUBAN WILL DO AFTER THE  
WAR;" HE DOUBTED THEY WOULD LIMIT THEMSELVES  
SIMPLY TO ASSISTING ETHIOPIAN DEVELOPMENT.

6. RHODESIA: SOME OF SENEGALESE INTERLOCUTERS SEEMED  
PREPARED TO EXAMINE INTERNAL SOLUTION ON ITS  
MERITS, BUT FELT IT WAS INADEQUATE SINCE EXCLUDED PARTISAN  
FRONT HAD MILITARY FORCE AND WOULD CONTINUE RESISTANCE.  
HOWEVER, PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELLOR DIOUF WAS EMPHATIC IN  
CALLING ACCORD A "SHAM" WHICH PRESERVED WHITE POWER  
BEHIND BLACK FACADE AND, EVEN SO, ENVISAGED EXCESSIVELY  
LONG TRANSITION PERIOD.

7. CANARIES AND REUNION: CONTACTS VOHCED FIRM SUPPORT

FOR STATUS OF CANARIES AS INTEGRAL PART OF SPAIN. CISSE  
CLAIMED THAT SENEGALESE DELEGATION IN TRIPOLI HAD BEEN  
SO INSTRUCTED, AND CISSE INSISTED THAT SENEGAL HAD EXPLICITLY  
RECORDED ITS DISSENT ON OAU RESOLUTION IN TRIPOLI, THOUGH  
ADMITTEDLY SOMETIME AFTER VOTE WAS TAKEN. CISSE ALSO  
EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR REUNION'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AS  
PART OF FRANCE, REMARKING THAT TO ASSERT OTHERWISE WOULD  
BE LIKE TAKING GOREE ISLAND IN DAKAR HARBOR AWAY  
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FROM SENEGAL.

8. ISLAMIC CONFERENCE: CONTACTS CONFIRMED THAT ISLAMIC  
FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE WILL BE TAKING  
PLACE IN DAKAR IN APRIL, WITH PREPARATORY MEETINGS  
BEGINNING APRIL 17. (OTHER SOURCES INDICATE MINISTERIAL  
SESSION ITSELF WILL CONVENE WEEK OF APRIL 24.)

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